

#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 40 are currently pending in the application. The Examiner has objected to the specification due to the incorporation by reference of certain patent applications. The Examiner has also objected to claim 25 as allegedly including informalities. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 21, 22, 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,239,611 to Khisti et al. Claims 3 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Khisti in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,218,610 to Sivakumar et al. Claims 4 and 28-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Khisti in view of Sivakumar and U.S. Patent No. 7,222,190 to Klinker et al. Claims 5, 6, 39 and 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Khisti in view of Klinker. Claims 8, 14, 15 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Khisti in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,757,255 to Aoki et al. Claims 17-20, 26 and 33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Khisti in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,757,248 to Li et al. Claims 23-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Khisti in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,154,858 to Zhang et al. The Examiner has indicated, however, that claims 9-13 and 34-38 contain allowable subject matter.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the specification, Applicant has amended the specification to omit reference to U.S. Application Ser. No. 10/676,631.

As to the prior art rejections, although Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasoning, Applicants have amended the claims in light of the indication of allowable subject matter to facilitate issuance of the present application. As set forth above, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claims 8 and 9. Applicants have also amended claim 32 to include the subject matter of claim 34. Applicant has canceled claims 8, 9, 21-31 and 34. Applicant reserves the right to present the canceled claims in continuing applications.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant believes that all currently pending claims are

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presently in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that any further action by Applicant is necessary to place this application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests a telephone conference with the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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